A peer evaluation of the performance of the existing AEZs, with a view to ascertain the reasons for shortfall in achievement of targets and suggest remedial action, is in progress. The proposals for setting up of new AEZs will be taken up for sanction after the evaluation is completed.

(c) None of the proposals for setting up AEZs have been rejected so far.

Industrial clusters in Karnataka

2365. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for Development of Industrial clusters in Karnataka under Industrial Upgradation Scheme (IUS) is pending with Government of India;

(b) if so, whether industrial clusters are included in the above proposal; and

(c) by when Government is likely to accord the sanction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) This Department has received proposal for development of Industrial clusters in Karnataka under Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme and two projects for Machine Tools Cluster, Bangalore and Foundry Industry Cluster, Belgaum have already been sanctioned.

Look east policy

†2366. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated look east policy for signing trade and economic agreements with West Asian countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the areas of trade in the country likely to be benefited as a result thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.